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Timely Tip Leads to Successful Prosecution in San Juan County

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San Juan County

During the 2010 general season deer hunt, an individual witnessed two subjects shoot two mature bucks on the Spring Creek / Dodge Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU). The animals were quickly loaded into the back of a pickup truck.

The witness was too far from the vehicle to get a license plate number. However, he got a very good description of the vehicle and a direction of travel. The witness immediately contacted UDWR Sergeant Justin Shirley, who notified the local dispatch center of the violation. Subsequently, a trooper with The Utah Highway Patrol stopped the vehicle as it entered Monticello.

The two individuals in the vehicle were in possession of two dead deer and one deer permit, which was not valid for the CWMU. Both subjects lived in the area, knew the property and were aware of the fact that they were hunting illegally on the CWMU.

The case was successfully prosecuted in early 2011. Both individuals were ultimately found guilty of Wanton Destruction of Protected Wildlife. They were fined nearly \$1,800 each and ordered to pay \$800 restitution for the two deer. Both face the potential loss of their privileges to hunt big game in Utah and 35 other Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) states.

This case was brought to a successful conclusion because Utah Division of Wildlife law enforcement personnel received timely and accurate information regarding the crime. Utah's fifty conservation officers rely heavily upon the assistance of the public and other allied law enforcement agencies.

Please help us protect your wildlife. Turn in a poacher, 1-800-662-3337.

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Poached deer lying in pickup truck bed



Antlers removed from San Juan County poached deer

